

# Promoting Early Childhood 2020 Conference



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**March 3 – 5, 2020  
Hyatt Regency, Green Bay, WI**

## **Wisconsin's Collaborative Leadership Forum**

The 2020 [Promoting Early Childhood Conference](#) is an Early Childhood Collaborative Event in its 17<sup>th</sup> year sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

### **Conference Goals:**

To provide opportunities for professionals to network and learn ways to promote and implement play and developmentally appropriate practices in the early care and education field.

### **Who Should Attend?**

Early childhood leaders from schools, child care, Head Start, home visiting, environmental education and other related programs and services such as: principals, 4K coordinators, special education directors, program support teachers, school board members, child care directors, Head Start directors and coordinators, professional development trainers, community teams, Early Childhood faculty at two- and four-year colleges.

### **Main Conference (March 4-5, 2020)**

Keynote Presenter: Susan MacDonald, MEd

Susan MacDonald is passionate about inspiring positive change in the early childhood field. Her expertise is reflected in her professional speaking, coaching and her books, *Inspiring Early Childhood Leadership* and *Inspiring Professional Growth*. Susan is the founder of Inspiring New Perspectives, a consultancy focused on empowering educators and school leaders to create programs that deeply respect and nurture the possibilities that lie within each child, parent, and teacher. Susan has been developing and delivering inspirational courses and workshops for over 25 years. Her background includes director of a Reggio inspired preschool program, adjunct faculty at Lesley University and Wheelock



College and Commonwealth of Massachusetts licensing supervisor. Susan holds a Master's degree in Instructional Design, and multiple professional coaching certifications. She is the past president of Boston Area Reggio Inspired Network and past vice president of the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children.



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## PEC Breakout Session Topics

Implementing a Play-Based Approach	Relationship Building (Children and Adults)
Leadership and Collaboration	Early Academics
Intentional Educational Planning	Authentic Assessment
Family Engagement	Equity and Anti-Bias Curriculum
Developmentally Appropriate Practice	And More...

### Pre –Conference Sessions (March 3, 2020):

#### 1. Nature-Based Education: Learning Naturally

Spend a day with fellow colleagues learning about how nature-based education can support learning for young children. Educators will explore how outdoor play and nature-based learning enriches the whole child, as well as your teaching experience. Come dressed for the weather as Wisconsin Green Schools Network guides us to venture outdoors and dig into how time on our schoolyards, exploring the phenomena that are emerging, not only inspires wonder and joy, but also supports academic skills, sensory integration, grit, social emotional development, problem solving, creativity, and other skills critical to wellbeing. Learn with DPI how the standards support learning naturally and how your school can get recognized! Talk with leaders from Oak Learning Center, part of Green Bay School District, about how school districts and nature centers can partner to offer these experiences.

#### 2. Inclusive Education: The Ability to Learn Together:

*Wisconsin DPI, Early Childhood Special Education Team*



This pre-conference session will provide interactive and reflective learning opportunities for teams to deepen their understanding of inclusive education. Participants will examine and enhance how programs, classrooms and activities are developed and designed so that **all** students participate and learn together. Schools, districts and programs are encouraged to attend as teams if possible.

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### PEC Registration Information: **Registration Closes on February 17, 2020**

Pre-Conference **only** (3/3/20) \$100

Main PEC Conference **only**, two days (3/4/20 & 3/5/20) \$200

Pre-Conference **and** Main Conference, three days (3/3/20-3/5/20) \$250

*\*Note: Participants may **not** register for two days and choose to attend the Pre-Conference and only one day of the Main Conference. Two-day registration is for the Main Conference only.*



**[Register Today!](#)**

**Hyatt Regency Room Block Information:** State rate of \$82 (exclusive of taxes and service fees) until **February 10, 2020**. Use event name: *Promoting Early Childhood 2020 Conference*.  
Phone-920-432-1234 or Online-Hyatt.com

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